

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : Theresa M. Reineke et al.
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Species Election Requirement of August 31, 2010. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The Examiner also indicated that the species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Accordingly, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species are as follows:

- Species of polyhydroxylamines;
- Species of cyclodextrin-based dendritic macromolecules;
- Species of 1,3-dipolar addition polymers; and
- Species of carbohydrate-containing biodegradable polyester.

With regard to the disclosed species, Applicants submit that the Examiner made a typographical error in reference to the species of "polyhydroxylamines." Specifically, Applicants submit that the Examiner's reference to the species of "polyhydroxylamines" is in